Submitted with reference to C.E., dtd the 7/2/86.

2. Please see the D.S.P., Bijapur's report dtd 9.1 forwarded by the D.M. The report is self-explanatory. As the applicant's case is subjudice in the Court of the J.M.F.C., Hungund, no reply need be sent to the applicant at this stage.

Further developments in the decision of the Court may be awaited.

7/2/86

Pl give me a reply quickly

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Resubmitted with a draft letter dtd 19.2 for approval

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Sr. No. 5069.

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Sv.No. 53826 P 27/C

R.H.& R.S.C.D.

Submitted for information, the decision of the Court in the matter, as reported by the Dist. Magistrate, Bijapur, in his letter dated 8-10-56 at p. 27/C.

The papers may now be filed.

Hm.
11/10/56

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G.R., G.D., No. 2408, dated 22-6-22.]

Correspondence

DOCKET SHEET

Subject :— Karnatak

File No. SDB 1056/4662
27380
29711
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BRANCH.

References :—

Date.	To whom sent.	Notes and instructions.
16/6/56.	P.) C	Acknl. 31/7/56
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Laxmavve D/o Yellappa Madara
Kataguru.
P.O.Sangam: Tal.Hungund, Dt.Bijapur

Date: 15 Jan. 1956.

To

1. Hon'ble Home Minister, Govt of Bombay, Bombay.
2. Hon'ble Minister "Harijan Welfare" - Govt.of Bombay, Bombay.
3. The D.S.P. Bijapur.
4. The P.S.I. Hungund.
5. Shri S.R.Kanthi, M.L.A., Deputy Speaker and Parliamentary ~~Speaker~~ Secretary Bagalkot.

HABILITATION, HOUSING AND
3RD CLASSES DEPARTMENT.
SDB1056
4662
24 JAN 1956

Respected Sirs,

Re Subject: Law and Order - Harijan welfare

I am a young woman of about 18 years. I have been — left a "Devadashi" by my parents, when I was a child of five — years. I am an un-touchable.

Due to this evil custom of 'Devadasi' to which I have been a prey, I have undergone untold miseries, hardships, and have submitted myself to shameful degradations beyond description. I beg to point out that the situation in which I find myself is not of my choice and liking. This is the consequence of my fate environments, blind-belief and age-old customs of the society in which I have been born.

In the village where I am living, there is one notori-ous character by name Ramlingappa Appannappa Talavar. He is a caste-Hindu. He is married and is a father of two children. He is a Gunda by temparament and the humble ignorant villagers are — afraid of him and his possible activities when his anger is arcused.

Due to pressure of village life and circumstances I have fallen a prey as an outlet to his excessive degrading sexual passion, though I was not liking it. Only un-touchable Devadasi in the village can alone understand as to how she could be forced to submit to shameful situations. The same person was always — forcing me to submit to situations, which became intolerable to me. Therefore, in consultation with my elders, I refused to have any more connections with him, about fifteen days back.

Due to this fault of mine (if at all it is a fault for a degrading and to be kicked about Devadasi) the above per-son took to his head to avenge himself, his prey being this

un-touchable, low-caste, humble, illeterate, ignorant, helpless young 'Devadasi'. I was afraid of him and was moving about ~~xkxxy~~ always in company of others. But, after all, I am a working -- class woman, whose profession requires one to expose herself in the open i.e. in the fields, where sometimes there would be none to protect!!,

On Tuesday 10th January 1956 I had tied two goats for grazing in my field, in the company of one Bheemavva w/o - Hanumappa Goudar of the same village. From there we proceeded to River Krishna. Ramaningappa who was presumably hiding, came run--ning towards us with a Lathi in his hand. Bheemavva attempted to catch hold of him but he being a strong man brushed her aside. I began to run towards the river where people were washing and bathing. Ramaningappa threw his Lathi towards me, which got -- entangled between my legs. I fell down with my face downwards. Ramaningappa came and sat on my back and delivered blows with his fists. Then he cut my hair both back and front portion of my head, presumably with a dagger or knife. Then he tore away the front portion of my Saree, which is called "Seragu" (Odani) in those parts. This has also been witnessed by, 1. Vithappa ---- Badiger, 2. Ayyappa Policegouda, 3. Shivavva Turudgi.

I came to the village and in consultation with my elders, reported the matter to the village Patil. Police came on Wednesday morning and took me to Hungund Via Sangam. I was medi--cally examined. My statement has been recorded by the P.S.I.

The custom of cutting hairs (Turubu) and tearing front portion of Sarees (Odani) of Devadasis prevails in these parts, and unfortunate Devadasis are being subjected to this --- inhuman treatment by wicked, brutish passion seekers of low -- taste. By this method, the Devadasi is automatically ex-commu--nicated from her own people. My people will hence forth no more admit me into their midst. <u>No one will in future, marry me. My long life before me has therefore become lonely, barren, un--exciting, un-interesting.</u>

I request you, Sirs, to kindly pursue this as a test case with the object of protecting my other unfortunate sister-Devadasis from this inhuman treatment.

I also most respectfully beg of you to kindly punish this culprit Ramaningappa, and compensate me -- either at the cost of Ramaningappa or the State.

I demand a compensation of Rs 1000/- in lieu of the loss, injustice and humiliations suffered by me at the hands of the above culprit.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Kategur,
D- 15 Jan 1956.

L.T.I. of Laxmavva D/o Yellappa
Medara.

No SDB1056/4662 B
R.H.B.C Deptt
Sachivalaya
7 FEB 1956

To

Smt Laxawa D/o Yellappa.
Madara Kataguru
P.O. Sangam Taluka Muchund Dt. Bijapur

Subject:- Harassment by
Mr R.A. Talvavar.

Madam,

I am directed acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 15/1/56 and to state that it is receiving attention in this Deptt. In future correspondence in this matter you are requested to quote the No & date of this letter.

7 FEB 1956

O/C

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Asstt Govt of Bbay
RHBC Deptt.

Copy with the copy of letter under reply forwarded to D.M. Bijapur for urgent remarks.

D.M. Bijapur
Reminded today
15/3/56

ISSUED
16 MAR 1956

EXPRESS LETTER

From REHOBACK, BOMBAY.

To The D.M. Bijapur

No. SDB 1056/4662-B Sachivalaya, Foreshore Road,
Bombay, 02 MAY 1956 1956.

Subject:- Harassment by Shri R.A. Talavar.
Talavar.

Reference correspondence resting with Government ~~letter,~~ Confdl.
your letter
Rehabilitation, Housing and Backward Classes Department ~~No. SDB 100~~ dated 7-2-56 & subsequent reminders
dt. 15-3-56
on the above subject.

Please expedite your report.
~~state how the matter stands~~

SUPERINTENDENT,
Rehabilitation, Housing and Backward Classes Department.

02 MAY 1956

REHABILITATION, HOUSING AND BACKWARD CLASSES DEPARTMENT.
SDB1056 To
27380
21 MAY 1956

No.POLSR-
Bijapur, 17-5-1956.

The Secretary to Government
Rehabilitation, Housing and Backward Classes
Department, Bombay.

Sub:- Harrassment by Shri R.A.Talwar

Ref:- Your No.SDB-1056/4662-E dated 7-2-56.

Sir,

I am awaiting a report from the P.S.I.Hungund who has again been expedite.A report will be submitted soon after - receipt of report from him.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/
for Distrtict Magistrate Bijapur

Copy forwarded to the P.S.I. Hungund in continuation of this office even No. dated 22-2-56 and reminder of 7-5-56 for submitting the papers immediately through the D.S.P.Bijapur.
Copy w.cs. to the D.S.P.Bijapur with a request to expedite the P.S.I.Hungund.

for District Magistrate, Bijapur.

R.H.&B.C.D
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Further communication from the D.M. Bijapur, may be awaited.

REHABILITATION, HOUSING AND BACKWARD CLASSES DEPARTMENT.
SDB1056
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Date 21 MAY 1956 To E

No. POL.SR-
Bijapur, 17-5-1956.

The Secretary to Government
Rehabilitation, Housing and Backward Classes
Department, Bombay.

Sub:- Harrassment by Shri R.A.Talwar.

Ref:- Your No.SDB-1056/4662-E dated 7-2-56.

Sir,

I am awaiting a report from the P.S.I.Hungund who has again been expedited . A report will be submitted soon after receipt of report from him.

Yours faithfully,

for District Magistrate
Bijapur.

RHB Dept 'E'

Further communication from DM Bijapur may be awaited

REHABILITATION, HOUSING AND BACKWARD CLASSES DEPARTMENT.
File No. SDB1056
S. No. 29711
Date 4 JUN 1956

No.POLSR.
Bijapur, 31-5-1956.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Rehabilitation, Housing and
Backward Classes Department, BOMBAY.

Sub : Harassment by Mr. R.A. Talwar.

Ref : Your No.SDB.1056/4662-E dated 7-2-1956.

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Sir,

I am sending herewith a copy of the report submitted to Govt. in Home Department by the Dist. Supdt. of Police, Bijapur in this respect.

In the circumstances reported by the District Supdt. Police, Bijapur no further action appears -- necessary in the matter for the present.

Yours faithfully,

For Dist. Magistrate, Bijapur.

O.C.signed
by D.M.

Copy of D.S.P's letter No.PCR.M.11.1956 dated 17-3-1956 fro, the D.S.P. Bijapur.

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Sub : Application dated 15-1-1956 from Laxamawa Yellappa Madar of Katagur Taluka Hungund addressed to the Chief Minister, Bombay.

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"Ref. : Your No.MIS.1056/5440 dated 2-2-56.

The applicant in her above application made the following allegations :-

i) That the applicant was dedicated as "Devadasi" at the age of 5 years.

ii) That Ramaningappa Appannappa Talwar a bad -- character at Katagur, forced the applicant to keep -- intimacy with him against her will.

iii) That because of the applicant's refusal to submit to Ramaningappa's wishes, he got enraged and though of taking revenge against the applicant.

iv) That on 10-1-1956 Ramaningappa attacked the -- applicant with stick while she was going to river, cut her hair with knife and tore a portion of her sari.

2. The application was enquired into by the local Police and my comments on the above allegations are -- serially noted below :

(i) It is a fact that the applicant was dedicated as Devadasi by her parents about 15 years ago. She is now about 20 years old and is carrying on prostitution in the village. The Prevention of Prostitution Act is not -- application to the village.

(ii) Ramaningappa is a resident of the village and he is married. He is a mazdur who had kept the applicant as his mistress for the last 6 months. She carried on the intimacy willingly, getting food and clothes from Ramningappa during the period. Thereafter their -- relations became strained ans were eventually severed because Ramningappa suspected her to be in intimacy with others.

(iii) When Ramningappa suspected the applicant's intimacy with others, she quarrelled with him and went away to stay with her father.

(iv) The incidents is true and in this connection an offence was registered under section 354,323,504 I.P.C. The case is subjudice in the Court of the J.M.F.C. -- Hungund.

3. As regards applicant's claim for compensation, she may approach proper Court for relief. The applicant is now residing with her father and doing field work.

4. In the circumstances no further action appears -- necessary in the matter. The application in original is submitted herewith."

No SDB 1056 / 2971-E 19.

Subject

Sachivalaya June 12

To

Smt. Lanavva Yellappa Kattagouri,

P.O. Sangam, Taluka Hungund Dist. Bijapur.

Sub- as att B

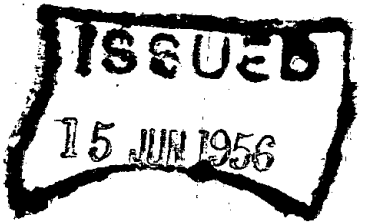
Madam,

In continuation of this Deptt's letter No. 69-e

SDB 1056/4662-E, dtd the 7/2/12, on the above subject, I am directed to state that as your case is subjudice in the court of the J.M.F.C., Hungund, Govt does not intend to take any action for the present.

As regards your claim for compensation, you

may approach the proper court for relief.



Copy forwarded to the D.M., Bijapur with this letter No. POL.SR.C for the information and necessary action. He is requested to intimate the decision of the Court as soon as the case is decided.

No. SDB 1056/29711-E.
Rehabilitation, Housing and
Backward Classes Department.
Sachivalaya, Foreshore Road,
Bombay, 16 AUG 1956 ~~May~~ Aug. 1956.

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To

The D.M. Bijapur.

Subject:- As at 6 15/c

Reference G.E. R.H.&B.C.D. of even no, ~~dtd.~~ ~~15~~

— dated the 15. 6. 1956, on

the subject mentioned above.

Please ~~expedite the submission of your report/remarks/~~ intimate the decision of the Govt in the matter

~~reply in the matter immediately.~~

13/8/56.

SUPERINTENDENT.
Rehabilitation, Housing and
Backward Classes Department.

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EXPRESS LETTER

From : REHQBACK, BOMBAY.

To : D.M. Bijapur

No. SDB1056/29711-E

Sachivalaya, Foreshore Road.
Bombay, 1956.

Subject:- As at P 15/C.

Reference correspondence resting with ~~your letter~~ Government letter, Rehabilitation, Housing and Backward Classes Department ~~No.~~ of even No dated 16-8-56 on the above subject.

Please ~~expedite your report.~~ intimate the decision of the Govt in the matter ~~state how the matter stands.~~

SUPERINTENDENT,
Rehabilitation, Housing and Backward Classes Department.

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No.POL.SR.
Bijapur, 17-9-1956.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Rehabilitation, Housing and Backward
Classes Department, BOMBAY.

REHABILITATION, HOUSING AND BACKWARD CLASSES DEPARTMENT.
File No. SDB 1056
S. No. 5016
Date 21 SEP 1956

Sub : Harassment by Mr. R.A. Talwar.

Ref : Your No. SDB.1056/29711-E dated 16-8-56.

Sir,

The District Supdt. of Police. Bijapur is being asked to report the decision of the Court in the matter. A report will be submitted soon after receipt of report from him.

Yours faithfully,

For District Magistrate,
Bijapur.

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No.POL.SR.
Bijapur, 8 -10-1956.

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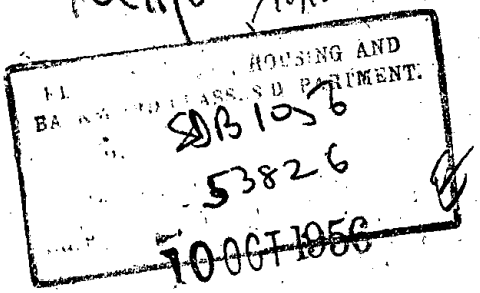

The Secretary to Government,
Rehabilitation, Housing and
Backward Classes Department, BOMBAY.

Sub : Harassment by Mr. R.A. Talwar.

Ref : Your NO. SDB.1056/29711-E dated 16-8-1966.

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Sir,

The case under section 354, 323, 504 I.P.C. against R.A. Talwar has been decided by the J.M.F.C. Mungund and the accused has been convicted and bound over for Rs.500/- for 2 years.

Yours faithfully,

For Dist.Magistrate,
Bijapur.